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**Attachments:** Division G Congressional Intent.pdf

Hi All,

EPA will be allocated \$8.1 billion in the \$35.25 billion fiscal 2018 omnibus spending bill's Interior-Environment portion that also provides funding for the Interior Department, U.S. Forest Service, Indian Health Service and other similar agencies. This amount provides significantly more for the agency than the cuts previously requested in the White House Budget Request.

Some contentious riders found their way into the bill again, however, including a provision barring the agency from regulating the lead content in certain types of ammunition and fishing tackle under the Toxic Substances Control Act, as well as another rider that would render emissions from burning forest biomass as carbon neutral, sparing it from certain limits on greenhouse gases.

Gone is the provision that would have allowed the agency to withdraw the Waters of the United States rule — which expanded federal authority over waterways — without the required statutory or regulatory reviews.

For FY19, Trump has called for a 26 percent cut in the agency's spending, to \$6.1 billion from 2017 levels. He also wants to eliminate 21 percent of EPA's workforce. Trump also requested \$11.5 billion for Interior in fiscal 2019, a 15 percent cut from fiscal 2017.

The measure still has to pass the House and Senate. Funding for the government runs out at midnight on March 23, 2018.

Attached is the Explanatory Statement for use of appropriated funds for EPA, beginning on page 50 of the document.

Best,

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